



**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
AIRPORT BOARD
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Airport Board
FROM: Brett Soukup Airport Director
DATE OF MEETING: May 6, 2026
ITEM TITLE: Clint Spearman update

DISCUSSION:

At a previous Airport Board special meeting, staff provided an update on the Request for Proposals (RFP) process and the selected candidate, Mr. Clint Spearman, who had not responded to initial communications. Mr. Spearman subsequently made follow-up contact, and the Board discussed the delay in communication. The Board directed staff to proceed with presenting a contract and to allow a defined period for response before considering further action. Following this direction, staff re-engaged with Mr. Spearman, who indicated he was managing multiple personal and professional commitments but remained interested in continuing discussions regarding the opportunity. Since re-establishing contact, staff have conducted multiple discussions with Mr. Spearman regarding the proposed contract, including a review of terms and requested modifications to the City's lease agreement. These discussions have been productive, with only minor differences identified between the proposed language and requested revisions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends continued discussion on this topic.